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The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on 1/30/08 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because it does not address the foreign references cited in the 1/9/08 IDS. Applicant has requested to be notified if a statement of relevancy is required to consider the Japanese references. In response, examiner does request either a copy of a search report or written opinion, if such exists, or an English language abstract. The document which cites why the references were cited, such as a foreign office action, would also suffice, if it is in English. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.

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